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policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

Date: 12 Feb 93 07:17:28 EST
From: hellgate.utah.edu!cs.utexas.edu!natinst.com!news.dell.com!swrinde!emory!
gatech!paladin.american.edu!howland.reston.ans.net!usc!rpi!uwm.edu!linac!
pacific.mps.ohio-state.edu@dog.ee.lbl.gov
Subject: Beware the Jabbawock and VEC
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <1993Feb9.175622.12425@ttinews.tti.com>, paulb@harley.tti.com (Paul
Blumstein -- KD6LAA) writes:

> It is 10 O'Clock -- Do You Know Where Your License Is?

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> On November 14, I passed the code portion of my General, completing my
> license requirements. A week later (11/21), I passed the Advanced

> test. I attached my Tech license and all of the certificates showing
> that my General was passed, but not yet received. I marked the
> "license pending" portion of Form 610 stating this condition. The VE's
> congratulated me and said that I should receive my license in 6-8
> weeks.

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> In mid January, I got my General certificate. I figured that my
> Advanced should be about a week behind. Several weeks went by and
> nothing. So, I called one of the VE's. He told me to check with the
> VEC and gave me his phone #.

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> The VEC said that he was holding on to my Advanced application, waiting
> for me to send him a copy of my General license. "What?", I said. No
> one told me that. I have been patiently waiting for something that
> wasn't going to come. Then he told me that I should know that because
> all Hams know it. He claimed that it was in the ARRL study guides, the
> FCC rules, on a lot of handouts, in all the magazines and as a HAM, I
> am responsible for knowing the rules. I was incredulous! I had read
> the study guides including the FCC rule book and had never heard of
> such a thing. I did not want to argue too much with him because that
> was the possibility that I overlooked it and he had the ability to
> delay my license even further. So, I told him that I'd mail it to him
> and suggested that he ask the VEs to mention it to people in the
> future.

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> After our conversation, I went over the ARRL study guides and the ARRL
> FCC Rule book and could find no reference to the VEC holding up
> someone's application when another license was pending. So, it was
> either some procedure that only VECs know or something he invented. If
> the latter, he is guilty of not forwarding my Form 610 to the FCC
> within 10 days.

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> BTW, he mentioned that he had 100 applications in his pending file. I
> wonder whether 100 other hams are wondering where their licenses are.

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> I couldn't have gotten a parity error. I don't even own a parrot.

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> Paul Blumstein, paulb@harley.tti.com, DoD #36, ABATE, AMA, HOG, KD6LAA
> Transaction Technology, Inc., Santa Monica, CA

This information is ****CLEARLY**** presented in both the ARRL and W5YI VEC - VE manuals. Further, for as long as I've been working as a VE, that information is routinely conveyed to examinees that have an outstanding license application or who have done multiple upgrades.

Don't blame the VEC he's (or she's) following the rules. The FCC will not allow an individual to have two 610s in the works at the same time ... the VEC is ***required*** to hold a 610 until receiving atmost recent license copy.

I don't know which VEC your examination group represented. Ask, though, if you can see their VE manual ... it's not top secret ... and look for yourself. As for the VEC holding 100 applications in his/her file, I wouldn't be suprised.

It'll get there ... the new license, I mean. In the meantime, enjoy your new priviledges and just append that "/AA" .. or maybe it's a "/AE" by now.

Congrats on the upgrade!!

73 >< Carl
K8NHE

Date: 11 Feb 93 13:45:28 EST
From: saimiri.primate.wisc.edu!caen!sdd.hp.com!ncr-sd!ncrcae!ncrhub2!ncrgw2!
psinntp!arrl.org@ames.arpa
Subject: Beware the Jabbawock and VEC
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In rec.radio.amateur.misc,
William=E.=Newkirk%Pubs%GenAv.Mlb@ns14.cca.CR.rockwell.COM writes:
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>>FCC Rule book and could find no reference to the VEC holding up
>>someone's application when another license was pending. So, it was
>>either some procedure that only VECs know or something he invented. If
>>the latter, he is guilty of not forwarding my Form 610 to the FCC
>>within 10 days.
>
>we have some copies of a form letter from the ARRL/VEC that explains this.
>it's possible that we don't always hand 'em out in the heat of the exam
>battle...
>
>basically the FCC has the VECs hold up all license pending applications until
>the next license is issued and the ham sends a copy of the new license on.
>
>so if you hold a novice and upgrade to tech in january, pass general in
>february, advanced in march, and extra in april, you'd send in a copy of the
>tech license in march, the general license in may, the advanced in july, and
>the extra would arrive about september (assuming about 8 weeks to turn the
>application.) of course you would have been operating as an extra since
>april. i couldn't say if there was a way for the VEC to gather up the
>pendings and submit the whole thing at the time your general license comes
>in.
>
>73, bill wb9ivr
>

Yes, Bill, we can submit any contiguous applications which we are holding. We can also collect them from another VEC if the applicant contacts the VEC holding it and okays the forwarding request with that other VEC.

73,

Bart J. Jahnke, KB9NM
Manager
ARRL/VEC.

Date: Fri, 12 Feb 1993 19:56:24 GMT
From: hellgate.utah.edu!cs.utexas.edu!swrinde!gatech!darwin.sura.net!
bogus.sura.net!howland.reston.ans.net!spool.mu.edu!agate!doc.ic.ac.uk!pipex!
bnr.co.uk!bnrgate!corpgate!@dog.ee.lbl.gov
Subject: Bulletins
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

The primary reason I read this newsgroup is for the AMATEUR RADIO bulletins. Not Broadcast, not CB amateur radio. If another news group has only AMATEUR bulletins I would read that first.

This is an AMATEUR news group. Please Post Amateur Radio Bulletins here.

* Alan Harp K4PB * Bell-Northern Research * CW FOREVER *
* mail: harp@bnr.ca * Research Triangle Park, NC *

Date: 12 Feb 93 15:28:53 GMT
From: dog.ee.lbl.gov!hellgate.utah.edu!cs.utexas.edu!sdd.hp.com!ncr-sd!ncrcae!
ncrhub2!ncrc1m!tskelton@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: Can scanners pick up CORDLESS phones ??
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

<C28wBr.EIy@bcstec.ca.boeing.com>
Sender:
Reply-To: tskelton@ncrc1m.ClemsonSC.NCR.COM (Tom Skelton)
Followup-To:
Distribution:

Organization: NCR E&M CLEMSON Liberty, SC

Keywords:

In article <C28wBr.EIy@bcstec.ca.boeing.com> rfweber@bcstec.ca.boeing.com
(Robert F. Weber) writes:

>315nikorawal@gw.wmich.edu writes:

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>> I would like to know on what frequencies do cordless phones

>>operate ??? Can a scanner pick up these frequencies ?

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>Tuning the base freqs allows you to hear both sides of the conversations

>and seems to have greater range (couple a 100 yards). The exact freqs.

>are: 46.61, 46.63, 46.67, 46.71, 46.73, 46.77, 46.83, 46.87, 46.93, 46.97

>Mhz.

>-Bob

I tried this, and I could only hear 1 side of the conversation.

I was thinking that the *base unit* was operating on a different
frequency range. Yes/no/maybe? Thanks! 73, Tom

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Date: 12 Feb 93 21:17:56 GMT

From: olivea!charnel!jmeyers@ames.arpa

Subject: FT-530 Undocumented Feature?

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Just found a nifty little "feature" that isn't mentioned in the manual. That
is: DTMF decoding (reading, displaying, whatever)

Steps to follow:

1) tune to the freq you want to monitor and turn on the code squelch

2) press Function-Page(Code) to select a code memory

3) dial up to memory #7

4) watch the dtmf's scroll by as they are heard by the radio!

This is no feat of magic, the book says that the radio stores the last
three dtmf's heard in memory 7, but it doesn't say it updates them in
real time. Or that they scroll...

Have Fun!

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| Jeff Meyers      | jmeyers@ecst.csuchico.edu      | 39x43'N 121x48'W |
| Chico, Ca 95926 | KD6DIS@KE6LW.#NOCAL.CA.USA.NA | Grid: CN80-CM99 ?? |
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Date: 12 Feb 93 13:27:34 EST
From: titan.ksc.nasa.gov!k4dii.ksc.nasa.gov!user@ames.arpa
Subject: Mobile rig in Camry-Hazardous to Your \$
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <1993Feb10.161719.14617@newsgate.sps.mot.com>,
markm@bigfoot.sps.mot.com (Mark Monninger) wrote:

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> In article <86754@ut-emx.uucp> miles@emx.cc.utexas.edu (Miles Abernathy)
> writes:
> I've heard about this happening but still don't understand how a
> transmitter can destroy a computer. I assume that means some component was
> physically damaged. I know RF can screw up a computer...it does so to my
> PC with frustrating regularity...but a reset always clears it up. Perhaps
> people are being charged these outrageous amounts for a simple reset?

Mark-

One of the reports I heard several months back, was that some dealers knew
about resetting the CPU, and others didn't. In the cases where they tried,
resetting solved the problem.

73, Fred, K4DII

fred-mckenzie@ksc.nasa.gov

Date: Thu, 11 Feb 1993 19:03:15 CST
From: agate!netsys!pagesat!spssig.spss.com!news.oc.com!utacfd.uta.edu!rwsys!
ricksys!news@ames.arpa
Subject: Readership Report for Radio-Related Usenet Newsgroups
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

mark@ve6mgs.ampr.org (Mark G. Salyzyn) writes:

> pschleck@unomaha.edu (Paul W Schleck KD3FU) sez:
>>reid@decwrl.DEC.COM (Brian Reid) sez:
>>+ . . .
>>+290 31000 841 76% 2037 4138.7 6% 0.18 1.8% rec.radio.amateur.misc
>>+358 28000 761 78% 947 1690.4 3% 0.09 1.6% rec.radio.shortwave

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>>+. . .
>>+1397    7400   198   41%    25    34.3   4%   0.00   0.4%   rec.ham-radio
>>+1422    7000   188   32%    41   179.6   3%   0.02   0.4%   rec.radio.info
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>>I belive the cross-posting percentage is distorted by the daily Solar
>>Reports (should these be cross-posted to rec.radio.amateur.misc?) that
>>are longer than the usual summaries that appear in the regular
>>newsgroups.
> I have let this sleeping dog lay for a little while.
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> It really comes down to MY indecision to Cary about what *really* should
> show up in rec.radio.* groups. I would say *everything* including cross
> postings from sci.space.news ...
>
> What it comes down to, is perhaps I should take a simple poll of what
> you folks want to see (and to which radio groups they should be
> cross-posted to)! Keep in mind that there has been some technical
> difficulties with cross posting to rec.radio.info as Cary uses a
> well connected mail to news gateway to post ...
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He used to crosspost them to rec.radio.amateur.misc and then a few months ago he started posting them seperately via the ucsd gateway. If they going to be posted to several groups shouldn't it be crossposted so that only one copy traverses the net?.

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Internet: rick@ricksys.lonestar.org

If I bounce (the maps have errors that I have no control over) then use bo836@cleveland.freenet.edu

BITNET: bo836%cleveland.freenet.edu@cunyvms

Date: 12 Feb 93 18:27:03 GMT

From: olivea!charnel!rat!usc!howland.reston.ans.net!bogus.sura.net!

darwin.sura.net!jabba.ess.harris.com!atlantis!noll@ames.arpa

Subject: Reciprocal permit

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I was just informed that I will be going to Kazakhstan this summer for six weeks. I'd like to be able to operate over there. What kind of agreement exists with them and who do I contact??

--kan--

Kevin A. Noll		"Life is ten thousand volts surging
noll@atlantis.ssd.harris.com		through your transistors"
Information Systems Technician		- VAX 11/785 When

Harris Corporation - SSD | asked the meaning of life.
Orlando, FL |

Date: 12 Feb 93 13:23:14 EST
From: titan.ksc.nasa.gov!k4dii.ksc.nasa.gov!user@ames.arpa
Subject: Two-liners from archive.afit.af.mil
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <C2CHtL.8Bz@cs.columbia.edu>, amb@cs.columbia.edu (andrew m. boardman) wrote:

> Up through the ninth of February, I was getting my satellite sets from
> archive.afit.af.mil. Since then, I've gotten "host unknown" for that
> address -- does anyone have any clues what happened to it, or where I
> could get truly up-to-date element sets these days?

andrew-

I've observed the same thing about afit. T. S. Kelso also posts the two-line sets here weekly. However, he may not be able to this week, if afit is down. The only alternative I know of, is to call Dr. Kelso's telephone BBS directly.

Quoting from Dr. Kelso's posting last Friday:

The most current orbital elements from the NORAD two-line element sets are carried on the Celestial BBS, (513) 427-0674, and are updated daily (when possible). Documentation and tracking software are also available on this system. The Celestial BBS may be accessed 24 hours/day at 300, 1200, 2400, 4800, or 9600 bps using 8 data bits, 1 stop bit, no parity.

73, Fred, K4DII

fred-mckenzie@ksc.nasa.gov

Date: 12 Feb 93 09:53:29 EST
From: mvb.saic.com!unogate!news.service.uci.edu!usc!sdd.hp.com!ncr-sd!ncrcae!
ncrhub2!ncrgw2!psinntp!arrl.org@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: Why all the Bulletins?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In rec.radio.amateur.misc, emd@ham.almanac.bc.ca writes:

>pschleck@cwis.unomaha.edu (Paul W Schleck KD3FU) writes:

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>> for the posts in the natural, home newsgroup. Also, good newsreaders
>> will only present an article once, regardless of how many newsgroups
>> it's posted to.

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>Paul, not everyone has a newsreader that only keeps one copy of an
>article. Mine doesn't, for example. Every newsgroup message that is
>duplicated takes up extra space on my hard drive. Furthermore, I DON'T
>appreciate getting the same darn post in more than one newsgroup. And I
>DON'T like all the time I waste wading through multiple postings of the
>SAME message.

The problem is with your news reader. The subject hierarchy of the news
is one of its most powerful features. Since some articles cover material
that "crosses over" between newsgroups, crossposting is built into the
system. If your news reader doesn't support this feature, you aren't
taking full advantage of the system and you really need to replace your
news reader with something better. I don't see why those of us who have
done so should be penalized because *your* software doesn't work right.

Jon Bloom, KE3Z		jbloom@arrl.org
American Radio Relay League		Justice is being allowed to do whatever
225 Main St.		I like. Injustice is whatever prevents
Newington, CT 06111		my doing so. -- Samuel Johnson

Date: 12 Feb 93 19:06:28 GMT

From: olivea!sgigate!odin!chuck.dallas.sgi.com!adams@ames.arpa

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <PHR.93Feb10031448@napa.telebit.com>,

<1993Feb10.233915.26960@odin.corp.sgi.com>, <64217@mimsy.umd.edu>

Subject : Re: CW folklore (Re: Help CW practice)

In article <64217@mimsy.umd.edu>, furuta@cs.umd.edu (Richard Furuta) writes:

|> In article <1993Feb10.233915.26960@odin.corp.sgi.com>

adams@chuck.dallas.sgi.com (Charles Adams) writes:

|> [body deleted]

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|> >inquiring minds wanna know.....

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|> >ciao de k5fo chuck dit dit

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|> Actually what inquiring newbie minds want to know is the significance of the

|> dit dit. Someone threatened to tell us about this back in December (after

|> taking a poll) and promised to throw in some other CW facts and folklore.

|> How 'bout it?!

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|> --Rick
|> N3JGF

Rick,

thought i had already done that? you miss it?

back in the late '50s, when we didn't have color tv, computers, etc. hams got tired of sending "cq cq cq de k5fjz k5fjz k5fjz k". (that's my old call). so somebody thought up just sending "shave and a hair cut" or it's close approximation by sending " dit di-di-dit dit" with a pause until somebody came back with "dit dit" for "six bits". then they would identify and start their qso. well, the FCC just didn't have a sense of humour about all this activity and started issuing citations, a.k.a. pink slips.

sometime in the same time period, maybe even earlier, you tried on every qso to get the last dit in, even after the qso ended. so you would sign, the other station would sign, and you would then send "dit dit" to acknowledge the end of the qso and you heard his/her sign-off. this got to be interesting sometimes, when the other person would "dit dit" back, and so on, and so on, i heard two guys do this for 15 minutes one day..... guess it was some kind of macho thing.

i know i still do this, just for fun. lot's stations still "dit dit" after a qso just because they heard others do it. but that's where it all started, in the 'good ole' days. it may be that the new cw ops didn't know where/how this originated.

after the december post, only ONE person, Ed Hare @ ARRL, knew what the "dit dit" was. i've seen his picture in the QRP Classics book and he's not an OF. i do understand that he has cut his hair since then..... ;-)

Rick: i've followed through with my threat.....

73 72 gl bcnu de k5fo dit dit :-)

Date: 13 Feb 93 12:22:12 CST
From: zaphod.mps.ohio-state.edu!howland.reston.ans.net!sol.ctr.columbia.edu!The-Star.honeywell.com!umn.edu!noc.msc.net!uc.msc.edu!raistlin!timbuk.cray.com!hemlock.cray.com!andyw@sdd.hp.com
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <9302081738.AA061e@catipult.anatcp.rockwell.com>,

<1993Feb10.124017.7080@dxis.att.com>, <pschleck.729451323@cwis>ywell.c
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> for the posts in the natural, home newsgroup. Also, good newsreaders
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> it's posted to.

So why the hell invent a new newsgroup, if most things are cross-posted
to a "natural, home newsgroup" ? Seems daft to me, but what do I know ?

> [...]

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andyw. NØREN/G1XRL

andyw@aspen.cray.com Andy Warner, Cray Research, Inc. (612) 683-5835

Date: 12 Feb 1993 17:49:36 GMT

From: dog.ee.lbl.gov!hellgate.utah.edu!cs.utexas.edu!qt.cs.utexas.edu!yale.edu!
newsserver.jvnc.net!darwin.sura.net!mojo.eng.umd.edu!chuck@network.UCSD.EDU

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <PHR.93Feb10031448@napa.telebit.com>,
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>[body deleted]

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>How 'bout it?!

Ok, here goes. The "dit dit" is the ending of an OLD entertainment routine

that went: "...A shave and a hair cut...two bits!" You have heard the rhythm of this ditty, if you have ever knocked on a door with the following rhythm:

KNOCK.....knock knock knock..KNOCK knock.....KNOCK KNOCK

What two close friends on CW would do as they ended their transmission; and were feeling kinda schmaltzy, is the first would tap out:

DIT.....dit dit dit..DIT dit.....

and the second would then finish with:

.....Dit Dit

Then all of the rest of us would blush at what total nerds some hams were.

Well, over time, people forgot the meaning of the routine, and just condensed it to the answeringdit.dit..

73,

Chuck Harris - WA3UQV	"Remember, the only interest the media has
chuck@eng.umd.edu	in the news is deposited in their bank
	accounts." - Anonymous, or maybe me?

Date: 12 Feb 1993 17:33:55 GMT
From: dog.ee.lbl.gov!hellgate.utah.edu!cs.utexas.edu!qt.cs.utexas.edu!yale.edu!
newsserver.jvnc.net!darwin.sura.net!mojo.eng.umd.edu!chuck@network.UCSD.EDU
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <1993Feb9.014710.9525@netcom.com>, <randall.729453457@seashore>, <fred-mckenzie-120293094936@k4dii.ksc.nasa.gov>darwin.s
Subject : Re: WARNING: Bogus Mods for HTX202!

johnnyb@netcom.com (John A Bryant) writes:
>Beware of bogus modifications for the Realistic HTX202 2M HT. I've even
>You can tell that the mods are bogus if they contain directions to
>remove chip resistor R33. If you remove this resistor you will lose the
>high power mode on your radio!

Last April, one of the members of this news group published these (or similar) instructions as a joke. The posting came about after there were about umpteen requests for wideband mods for the HTX-202, followed by umpteen explanations that the HTX-202 was designed to be narrowband only. (Some of these explanations even came directly from TANDY!).

Well, one of our esteemed members, got fed up with the requests, and sent out an article that explained how to make the HTX-202 receive everything from DC thru the cell bands, and to raise its power, (and how to raise some fool owner's consciousness level).

It wasn't very nice, but it was followed by another umpteen messages about how this was a joke article.

Come on guys, read my lips, there are no valid HTX-202 wideband receive mods!

73,

Chuck Harris - WA3UQV | "Remember, the only interest the media has
chuck@eng.umd.edu | in the news is deposited in their bank
 | accounts." - Anonymous, or maybe me?

Date: Fri, 12 Feb 1993 17:48:39 GMT
From: hellgate.utah.edu!cs.utexas.edu!swrinde!gatech!darwin.sura.net!
bogus.sura.net!howland.reston.ans.net!usc!sol.ctr.columbia.edu!The-
Star.honeywell.com!umn.edu!csus.edu!@dog.ee.lbl.gov
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <1993Feb9.014710.9525@netcom.com>, <randall.729453457@seashore>, <fred-mckenzie-120293094936@k4dii.ksc.nasa.gov>howland.
Subject : Re: WARNING: Bogus Mods for HTX202!

I made a typo. The mods say remove _R55_ not R33 like I stated in the previous post. Thanks to the person who caught that error.

To repeat the warning: There are bogus modifications going around via bbs, internet, and published mod manuals for the Realistic HTX202 2M HT. You will recognize the mods as such because the first step is to remove R55. If you remove this part, you will lose high power! The directions continue by telling you to jump three resistors that do not exist. DO NOT PERFORM THESE MODIFICATIONS.

The person I received these mods from claimed to have sucessfully performed the mod twice. However, I do not believe him for a minute. To my knowledge there are no mods fof this radio to expand RF or TX capabilities. However, I wouldn't mind if somebody proved me wrong, either.

-johnny@netcom.com

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